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## SPEEDY RESPONSE FOR REFUGEES

NEW YORK -- Episcopalians were quick to respond to a special appeal by Presiding Bishop John M. Allin to help Cuban/Haitian refugees and the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief has promised \$15,800 to their assistance.

The Fund sent \$7,900 as the first of two payments to the Church World Service campaign to provide sponsors and support for the thousands of refugees who poured into the southeastern United States from Cuba and Haiti in late Spring.

Many of those people still await sponsors and funds are still needed to support the massive resettlement and relief effort.

The Fund also responded to emergency appeals launched by Church World Service for victims of drought in Uganda and wars in Afghanistan and Chad.

The Fund sent \$10,000 to the appeal for Uganda -- triggered by four years of low rainfall and the continuing instability of that country. Nearly 500,000 people are affected.

A \$10,000 emergency grant was also sent to help meet medical needs of the 10,000 Afghans who cross into Pakistan each week. The funds will be used for two hospitals and a mobile medical mission.

The small country of Cameroon on Africa's west coast has found itself host to over 200,000 natives of Chad who have fled civil war there and are in need of food, shelter and medical help. The Fund sent \$4,000 as its portion of a Church World Service appeal.

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